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"old-fashioned" and out of place in public print or place, but it does not do any harm to revert once in a while to the simpler and sweeter things and take measure of the space and direction of our own retrograde movement.

ASTORIA IS A BIDDER.

If Uncle Sam is hunting for a sequester his new Pacific Coast navy yard, we beg to remind him that Astoria is a bidder from now on, for the plum. From the Straits of Fuca to the Mexican line, there is no such place for such an establishment as within the mouth of the great Columbia River; not down its throat, at Vancouver; nor in its gullet, at Portland, but just back of its teeth, or behind its epiglottis, Tongue Point; anywhere in its safe and capacious maw, and handy to Astoria.

This is an ideal location for a great plant of the kind. There is ample communication and transportation and instant touch with all the sources and schemes of civilization; there is quick despatch to be had in and out; there is safety of the most impregnable kind; there is every element of convenience peculiar to naval yards and docks, good water spaces and depths, shelter, security and natural vantage of every kind desired for huge concerns of government like this.

We respectfully suggest that this matter be made the unanimous business of all Astoria and that every agency at the command of the city and section be put in motion, to the convincing of the powers that be in this behalf. We might as well have the navy yard here as the other good things headed this way, and the government itself had very much to do and conspicuous fitness of the local and conspicuous fitness of the locale and the strategic value that makes it super-eminent.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

What is a Democrat? A man who, judging from the size of the the Republican majority, feels mighty philosophical over what is nationally in prospect when his party gets another licking.

Astronomical photographs say the canals on Mars are double. Consequently, it is in order to assert confidently that there are muskrats on Mars that sometimes put one of the canals out of business.

After the recent tragic explosion on the battleship Georgia the crew resumed target practice and beat the record for speed and accuracy. The men behind the guns have always been indomitable in the line of duty.

Many great enterprises that call for laborers are under way, and it will take years to complete them. The prospect is that labor will be in demand at good wages for a long time, and this is the chief element of continued prosperity.

So many fatal accidents have occurred lately to military balloons that their capture by the enemy might be the best use to which strategists could put them.

It has cost \$1,500,000 to get the Colorado River back into its bed which is a hint to engineers to be sure they are right before trying to teach an old stream new tricks.

COMFORTING WORDS.

Many an Astoria Household Will Find Them So.

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed; to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. To tell how this great change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of Astoria readers.

Mrs. Captain C. G. Groves, of 824 Raleigh street, Portland, Or., says: "Lapse of time has not lessened the confidence I have had in Doan's Kidney Pills since February, 1903, when I publicly recommended them. I had used them in treating kidney trouble of several years' standing. It originally started with dull aching in the small of my back over the kidneys. Colds aggravated the trouble and made the pain sharp and acute. Any extra exertion would bring on a prostrating attack. I had tried various remedies for the trouble without avail, but Doan's Kidney Pills began to help me right after I started using them. They gradually banished the backache and pain in the loins, strengthened the kidneys and helped me in every way. I can conscientiously recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to any sufferer from kidney complaint."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Charles Rogers' drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is sold under a positive guarantee to cure constipation, sick headache, stomach trouble, or any form of indigestion. If it fails, the manufacturers refund your money. What more can any one do. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

HOLD BIG MEETING

Chamber of Commerce Reaches Important Point.

MAY ANNEX WARRENTON

Want Dredge For Harbor To Fort Stevens—Whyte's Report Pleases—New Members and Much Enthusiasm—Advertising Gone Over—Fine Showing

The business men of Astoria are united in pushing this city ahead and above any other city in the northwest is evident from the rousing Chamber of Commerce meeting which was held last night. Fully 100 members were present and they were full of enthusiasm and loyalty and will go the limit for anything that means the betterment of Astoria.

At the meeting last night there were several vital questions brought up and discussed. One concerned the deepening of the channel between Astoria and Ft. Stevens; another had to do with the fishing industries and the fishery committee was asked to secure information concerning the present reported slack salmon season and see if possible if there were any grounds for the current information that the present season is an extremely poor one. Another question was the subject of annexing Warrenton, which was merely discussed. Secretary Whyte's report was given and greatly appreciated by the members present.

The dredge proposition was one of the most important which was brought up for discussion and a resolution was passed to the effect that an effort be made to get the government to give special attention to deepening the channel between Fort Stevens and Astoria. That need for this is obvious.

Deep draft vessels sometime experience difficulty over this part of the channel and the sands are continually drifting down and are not far enough out to catch the current which the jetty makes in the river. The W. S. Laird has been operating in this portion of the river but to the minds of the members of the Chamber of Commerce there is a great addition needed in the work and a strong effort will be used to get the government to furnish an additional dredge.

The continued reports emanating from Astoria to the effect that the salmon season here is very bad and that none of the canneries are receiving scarcely any fish will do harm to the community the Chamber of Commerce have fully come to realize. The fishery committee was instructed to investigate the situation thoroughly and minutely and report on the question.

The members of the organization were greatly pleased with the work that had been accomplished since the last meeting. The advertising which has been done was gone over by Mr. Whyte in detail and the result gave a splendid showing. Owing to the heavy amount of work which this entailed on the staff, it was decided that some of the members would help in replying to the letters, in order to save employing any more by the Chamber of Commerce. Five new members were initiated into the association last night.

They were: Messrs. C. S. Dowe, Minchew, Williams, Carnahan, and Edison.

The following is the Secretary's Report to the Chamber of Commerce.

The first advertisements for our advertising campaign were inserted on the 3rd of July and since that date we have received several thousand letters, inquires in answer thereto. This is in pursuance of the well-defined plan of the Promotion Committee to use each of 65 ads which have been written during the course of about three months and then to use thereafter only those which the committee then believes will be of the greatest advantage to Astoria. We have on the table be-

fore us tonight advertisements that have so far been inserted and the replies thereto.

The first advertisements inserted were those which the Committee believed would probably be of the greatest assistance in colonizing lands. There seems to be no doubt of the fact now that we can colonize land very successfully in this county, if we may be able to judge results in any measure from our advertising from the standpoint of the number of replies received.

In order to sell the largest possible amount of land to outsiders, desirable people from the East, we wish to have the co-operation of the largest possible number of people who have land for sale. Van, Dusen & Company and T. R. Davies are so far giving the principal assistance in this direction, both of whom are answering letters personally and trying to secure the inquiries for Clatsop County. I am very confident both will be completely successful. Mr. Davies went out and bought the tract of land he is now offering to inquiries and deserves special commendation for having done so.

We wish to have all of the land listed there is for sale in this county and in this section, as we can in that way accelerate our efforts towards bringing in settlers. But the most important and helpful work that can be done in this direction, of course, is for those who have land for sale to make all the necessary arrangements to answer the inquiries promptly and directly. If we had a tract of ten thousand acres of land ready for settlement in small tracts of ten, twenty and forty acres each, and the requisite facilities for answering inquiries promptly, it is altogether likely we could colonize it entirely during the next six months. Such a feat would mean the settlement of probably 700 families of thrifty tillers of the soil in this county, something most greatly desired, and something that could not fail to materially advance the interests of the entire county, and especially those of Astoria. It would make but little difference in what part of the county this land was obtained and the colonization done, because the trading with the newcomers would be in Astoria.

Such a work of colonization would prove most profitable to any of our business men. It would not take a large sum of money to buy a tract of at least 1000 acres. Mr. Davies has bought several hundred acres on his own account and I confidently predict that the results he shall achieve will infuse a new life into the colonization work, such that business men of Astoria, even if they are not inclined to help in this colonization work because of the good it would do to the community, will desire to take a hand in it because of the fair profits they may make out of it. And it is perfectly right and proper that there should be fair profits from such an important work. In no other way can colonization be successfully done.

I have during the past two Sundays seen considerable of this county and I wish to say that it is my opinion that in the course of time eighty per cent

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Men Past Sixty in Danger.

More than half of mankind over 60 years of age suffer from kidney and disorders, usually enlargement of prostate glands. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rockport, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I felt better than I have for 20 years, although I am now 91 years old." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

For The Little People.

Every parent in this city should investigate, at once, the new and appreciable shoe for the youngsters, at Charles V. Brown's Commercial street house. They are called the "E. C. Souffer" and are the very epitome of good wear and real comfort. They are going like wild-fire and the kids themselves are after them because they look so "comfy."

Your Liver
 is out of order. You go to bed in bad humor and get up with a bad taste in your mouth. You want something to stimulate your liver. Just try Herbine the liver regulator. A positive cure for Constipation, Dyspepsia and all liver complaints. Mrs. F., Ft. Worth, Texas writes: "Have used Herbine in my family for years. Words can't express what I think about it. Everybody in my house hold is happy and well, and we owe it to Herbine." Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

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